the work to be done and the development in various directions necessary, the Committee considers that a survey should be made by some competent person or persons and advice taken as to the organization, teaching and field work.'

" Agricultural Research being a technical matter, the Government are of the view that it would be useful if the research work carried out by the Agricultural Department at the Agricultural Colleges and Research stations is reviewed once in three years and have decided that a Committee of experts of about five members from within and outside the Agricultural Department should be entrusted with this work. Proposals for the constitution of the Committee with details regarding the terms of reference to be suggested to it, etc., are awaited from the Director of Agriculture."

Appointment of Assistant and Deputy Panchayat Officers.

* 181 *Q*.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any difference in status and emoluments of those two kinds of posts—Ex-Assistant Panchayat Officers and Deputy Panchayat Officers;

(*b*) who the authorities appointing the Assistant Panchayat Officers and Deputy Panchayat Officers are;

(*c*) whether the posts of District Panchayat Officers and Deputy Panchayat Officers are interchangeable with those of the posts of Commissioners of Municipalities and Executive Officers of Panchayats;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the service under a municipality and a local board belongs to different cadres; and

(*e*) whether the proposal to transfer the recruitment to all those posts to the Public Service Commission or to create a separate Public Service Commission for Local Board and Municipal Services has ever been considered by the Government?

The Hon. Sri K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The President, District Board (now the Special Officer).

" (*c*) No.

" (*d*) Yes.

" (*e*) The matter is under consideration."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the duties of the Assistant Panchayat Officers and the Deputy Panchayat Officers differ in any way? "

The Hon. Sri K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Yes, they differ. Hitherto the Assistant Panchayat Officers have no control over the executive officers. But the present Deputy Panchayat Officers supervise and advise the executive officers to carry on the duty."